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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. MORNING CHOSON ILBO SEPTEMBER 7 CARRIED LENGTHY EDITORIAL DEMANDING SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. EDITORIAL POINTED TO FOREIGN REACTION AND OPPRESSIVE MOOD IN THE ROK AS BASIS FOR PLEA FOR QUICK CONCLUSION. IN EMOTIONAL TONES IT CHARGED THAT INCIDENT IS AFFECTING INNOCENT CITIZENS AND DEMANDING THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE BE SUBJECTED TO THE JUDGMENT OF LAW.

2. OTHERWISE, PRESS COVERAGE OF KIM CASE WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN IN RECENT DAYS. TONGA ILBO ARTICLE HEADED "IMPORTANT TALKS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR" REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER KIM'S ASSERTION TO AMBASSADOR USHIROKU SEPTEMBER 6 THAT ACCORDING TO KOREAN INVESTIGATION FIRST SECRETARY KIM TONG-UN WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. TONGA ALSO CARRIED REPORT FROM ITS TOKYO CORESPONDENT THAT GOJ HAD INSTRUCTED USHIROKU TO CARRY ITS REQUEST FOR KIM

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TONG-UN TO TESTIFY TO PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL.

ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER  
TANAKA IN REPLY TO INTERPELLATION IN LOWER HOUSE  
THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A VIOLATION OF  
SOVEREIGNTY EVEN IF FOREIGN OFFICIALS WERE  
INVOLVED PROVIDED THEY HAD ACTED WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS GENERAL MYSTIFICATION ABOUT  
CHOSON ILBO EDITORIAL SINCE, ON THE ONE HAND, IT  
PROBABLY COULD NOT HAVE APPEARED WITHOUT ROK CIA  
APPROVAL AND YET SEEMS IMPLICITLY CRITICAL OF  
GOVERNMENT'S HARD-LINE STAND ON KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE.  
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